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I am transmitting a Petition for Extension of Time and Authorization to Charge Deposit Account as well as a Notice of Appeal in the above case.

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Filed : April 4, 2001 Examiner: Vy Q. Bui

For : BLADES WITH FUNCTIONAL BALANCE ASSYMETRIES FOR USE WITH ULTRASONIC SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

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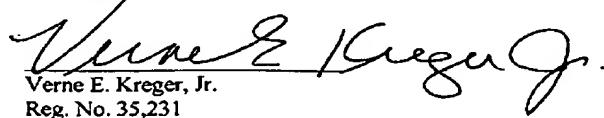
NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated April 16, 2004 finally rejecting Claims 21-25, 27 and 28 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on _____ for _____ month(s).
2. A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto in triplicate.
3. A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
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